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SUBJECT: PRESS STATEMENT - VP MEETING WITH TANZANIA, UN

AND OAU LEADERS

1. DRAFT STATEMENT FOR RELEASE AFTER VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MWINYI OF TANZANIA, UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL BOUTROS BOUTROS GHALI, AND OAU SECRETARY GENERAL SALIM AHMED SALIM:

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VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE MET TODAY WITH PRESIDENT MWINYI OF TANZANIA, UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL BOUTROS BOUTROS GHALI, AND OAU SECRETARY GENERAL SALIM AHMED SALIM TO DISCUSS WAYS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CAN RESPOND TO THE GRAVE SITUATION IN RWANDA.

THE VICE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT MWINYI FOR THE POSITIVE AND IMPORTANT ROLE WHICH HE AND THE GOERNMENT OF TANZANIA HAVE PLAYED IN TRYING TO BRING PEACE TO RWANDA. THE VICE PRESIDENT THANKED THE

SECRETARIES GENERAL FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND THE DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO RWANDA.

THE FOUR LEADERS EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER THE HUMANITARIAN CATASTROPHE TAKING PLACE IN RWANDA AND THE SUFFERING CAUSED TO THE RWANDAN PEOPLE.

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THEY CALLED UPON THE LEADERS OF RWANDA TO STOP ALL FORMS
OF VIOLENCE, AGREE TO AN IMMEDIATE CEASE FIRE AND RETURN
TO NEGOTIATIONS. THEY DISCUSSED THE URGENT NEED TO ASSURE
UNIMPEDED ACCESS FOR ALL FORMS OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE,
ESFECIALLY FOOD AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR THE
MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN NEED IN RWANDA. THEY ALSO STRESSED
THE URGENCY OF ENDING THE FLOW OF ARMS TO RWANDA AND THE
NEED FOR AN INVESTIGATION INTO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN
THAT COUNTRY.

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